Year of the Dragon Brings New 9X Service (continued from front panel)

to create community connections by linking communities through improved transit services. Citing the addition of service on the 9X as a concrete example of realizing this goal, Mr. Burns pointed out that linking the communities of Visitacion Valley, Portola, and Silver Terrace with the commercial centers of Chinatown and North Beach on Saturdays addresses a need that has long been a concern of these communities.

Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., who provided support for the additional service, also attended the press conference and praised Mr. Burns for his efforts to meet the needs of community residents. Community leaders from various organizations also expressed appreciation for the Saturday express service.

The new service on the 9X, which commenced on January 22, 2000, will begin at 9:20 a.m. each Saturday morning and run until 6:00 p.m. in the evening. Service will be approximately every 15 minutes. All stops and transfer points are the same as on the weekday 9X service.

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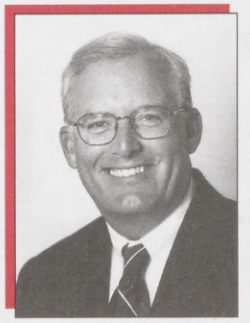

General Manager Michael T. Burns

Last year, I held a series of five Open Door Days on Saturday mornings to meet face-to-face with Muni's customers and to listen to their ideas and suggestions. Thursday, February 24, 2000 marks the first weekday/early evening Open Door meeting of 2000, and will be scheduled in ten-minute intervals from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

To request an Open Door Day meeting with me, please call (415) 923-6199.

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If you have witnessed or have information about workers' compensation fraud, call the Muni Fraud Hotline at **1-888-388-3728.**

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Year of the Dragon Brings New 9X Service

Dancing to the thundering beat of drums, two ceremonial lions from the San Francisco Police Department's lion dance troupe kicked off Muni's press conference to mark the addition of Saturday service on the 9X San Bruno Express. At the press conference, held on January 20, 2000, at Portsmouth Square in the heart of Chinatown, Muni General Manager Michael T. Burns stated that Muni's goal is

Left to Right: Gordon Chin, Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., Michael T. Burns and Rose Pak

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Celebrate the Year of the Dragon...Take Muni to the Chinese New Year Events

San Francisco celebrates Chinese New Year with many events and activities, and Muni takes you there. Take part in the nation's largest celebration of the lunar New Year, filled with tradition and fanfare, as the City welcomes 4698—the Year of the Dragon.

February 4 - 20, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.
Chinese New Year Carnival
Walter U. Lum Place/Portsmouth Sq Washington & Clay Street (Take Muni lines 1-California, 9X-San Bruno Express 12-Folsom, 15-Third Street, 30-Stockton, 45-Union/Stockton, 83 Pacific or California cable car)

Saturday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Miss Chinatown USA Pageant
Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 3301 Lyon Street (Take Muni line 30-Stockton)

Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Miss Chinatown USA Coronation Ball
SF Hilton Hotel & Towers, 333 O'Farrell & Mason Streets (Take Muni lines 27-Bryant or 38-Geary)

Saturday, Feb 19 & Sunday, Feb. 20, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Chinese Culture Center Spring Festival
750 Kearny Street, 3rd Floor (Take Muni lines 1-California, 9X-San Bruno Express, 15-Third Street, 30-Stockton, 45-Union/Stockton, 83-Pacific or California Cable Car)

Saturday, Feb 19, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & Sunday, Feb 20, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Chinatown Community Fair
Grant Ave. from California St. to Broadway; Pacific Ave. from Kearny to Stockton; Jackson St. from Stockton St. to Grant Ave. (Take Muni lines 1-California, 9X-San Bruno Express, 15-Third Street, 30-Stockton, 45-Union/Stockton, 83-Pacific, Powell-Hyde cable car, Powell-Mason cable car or California cable car)

Saturday, Feb 19, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Chinese New Year Parade
Market & 2nd Streets via Market, Stockton, Post and Kearny Streets to Pacific Ave. (Take Muni lines 1-Califonia, 9X-San Bruno Express, 15-Third Street, 30 Stockton, 45-Union/Stockton, 83-Pacific or Muni Metro)

To celebrate the Year of the Dragon, leave the driving to Muni!

For detailed route information, call the San Francisco Municipal Railway Telephone Information Center (TIC) at (415) 673-MUNI(6864).

Historic Streetcars to Start Service to Fisherman's Wharf

Within the next few weeks, the F Market historic streetcar (trolley) line will be extended to Fisherman's Wharf. The line began service in September 1995 and now operates from Castro & Market to the Transbay Terminal at First & Mission Streets. The extended line, to be called the F Market & Wharves line, will not operate to the Transbay Terminal, but will continue on Market, jog on Steuart and Mission to The Embarcadero, and then run north on The Embarcadero to Beach & Jones in the Fisherman's Wharf area.

Construction for the F-line extension has been part of the city's Waterfront Transportation Projects, including the Mid-Embarcadero Roadway Replacement and Open Space projects, which will be completed in a short time. To provide the additional service that is needed for the longer F line, Muni has acquired nine historic streetcars from Milan, Italy, to supplement the colorful streetcars that are now in regular F-line service.

The F line has nearly 10,000 riders on an average weekday, and ridership will undoubtedly increase with the extension. As it does now, the extended service will attract both visitors to the city and regular riders. Regular riders will have service down Market Street and to the Northern Waterfront area, while visitors will have a historic rail alternative to the cable car service between downtown and Fisherman's Wharf.

"Muni ... silenced its detractors on the biggest night of the year."

- Chuck Finnie, S. F. Examiner

On New Years' Eve, Muni proved that it was "Y2K ready and able" as over a quarter of a million people celebrated the introduction of the new millennium. The Embarcadero alone saw some 250,000 celebrants participate in the festivities while thousands more partied in other areas of The City served by Muni.

Muni was free from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and enhanced services were provided, including an all-night Metro shuttle under Market Street, from the Embarcadero to West Portal, safely delivering passengers to their destinations.

In addition, Muni Service Quality Teams were out in strength giving information to the public about special and rerouted service, along with Muni's usual compliment of drivers, supervisors and support staff.

Again, the New Muni demonstrated that it puts the passenger first, providing special service for special occasions.